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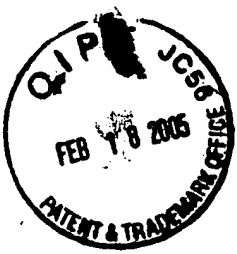
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Pursuant to § 197(e)(1) of the Code of Federal Regulations the undersigned states that each item of information cited herein was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

The Applicants and others substantively involved in the preparation or prosecution of the application are aware of the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form, and have enclosed copies of the listed documents.

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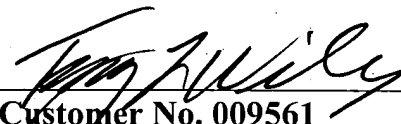
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